

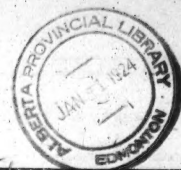
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Americans Say Big Oil Field Fight in Canada Twixt British and U.S. Companies

Imperial Oil Company, Hudson's Bay Company and unnamed British concern stated to be sparring for positions says New York Paper.

IRMA-WAINWRIGHT-VIKING FIELD TO BE THE SCENE OF ACTION.

Negotiations that are now under way between one of the largest British oil organizations and the Hudson Bay Co., which is the oldest corporation in the British Empire, if not in the world, may make Canada the scene of one of the most important conflicts in the world wide struggle for oil between American and British organizations says the New York Commercial.

The negotiations concern the drilling of a large portion of the acreage of the Hudson's Bay Co., by the British oil company for oil. The latter company is under British control unlike the Imperial Oil Ltd., which recently closed a deal for the exploration of another portion of the acreage of the Hudson's Bay Co. The Imperial Oil Ltd., although chartered under the laws of the Dominion of Canada, is controlled by the Americans, being a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

In the extensive land tracts of the Hudson's Bay Co., British Oil organizations believe they see the best opportunity for obtaining an important foothold in Canadian production should the Dominion develop the important oil fields which geologists expect. That British government authorities share this view and that a desire to aid British governmental policies was largely responsible for a resolution adopted recently by directors of the Hudson's Bay Co., designed to keep the Hudson's Bay Co., under British control, is the belief in American oil circles.

American Control Balked.

This resolution prohibits foreign corporations, or corporations under foreign control, from holding more than one-fourth of the total capital stock of the Hudson's Bay Co. in the aggregate. The resolution was looked upon as directed mainly at American oil interests, in view of the fact that there had been frequent reports that American companies were seeking control of the Hudson's Bay Co. Last year American securities interests tried to obtain options on some large blocks of the stock of the Hudson's Bay Co. Although the examination was given at the time that these options were being sought merely for the purpose of "making a market" for the stock in New York, in view of the growing interest here among securities buyers in Canadian oil developments, the impression was apparently created with the directors of the Hudson's Bay Co. that control of their organization was sought.

In view of the negotiations which the Hudson's Bay Co. is conducting with a leading British-controlled oil organization for exploration and development work, the opinion prevails that such an oil organization, should it be successful in its search for oil in the Dominion will enter Canadian markets on a big scale against the Imperial Oil Ltd., which now dominates those markets.

May Enter Canada Markets.

A near source of supply of crude would make it profitable for the British-controlled oil organization to attempt this venture, notwithstanding the firm hold which the Imperial now has on the Dominion markets due to the efficiency of its organization built up over a course of many years. In fact, before the resolution was passed by the directors of the Hudson's Bay Co. thwarting any efforts that might be made at American control of the Hudson's Bay Co., the opinion has been freely expressed in American oil circles that control of the Hudson's Bay Co. would be more valuable to the Imperial Oil Co. Ltd., than to any other company under American control.

The Imperial Oil Ltd., now gets its oil mainly from fields in the United States through pipe lines and tank steamships from Gulf Coast ports, and in tank steamships from Peru and Mexico. In order to obtain a cheaper source of supply, the company has been conducting extensive exploration work during the last few years in about a score of wildcat districts scattered throughout Western Canada. Geological reports on several of those districts have been highly favorable, but it was not until a few weeks ago that production on a commercial scale was obtained in any of those fields. Incidentally this production was obtained by a small company which is not looked upon as under Imperial control, although the Imperial has extensive acreage in the field in question.

Royal Dutch Shell Active.

The fact that the company is reported negotiating with a British-controlled oil organization, after having made its first important deal for development of its lands for oil with the Imperial Oil Ltd., recalls the fight the Imperial Oil had a few years ago to prevent the Dutch-Shell combine, the largest of all British-controlled oil organizations, from obtaining rights from the Dominion gov-

Natural Resources May Be Returned to Alberta; Settlement is Uncertain

Premier Greenfield Returns from Ottawa Session Confident That Progress Has Been Made—Three Different Plans Were Discussed.

That Alberta is somewhat nearer to getting its natural resources, but not yet in actual sight of them, is the report that Premier Greenfield brings back with him from his first of the year trip to Ottawa. The premier arrived home Monday night, and in an interview on the results of his mission in the east he expressed the view that while an agreement as to a definite basis of settlement had not been reached, he felt that progress had been made. Negotiations are still pending, and a full statement of what happened at Ottawa will be laid at once before the provincial cabinet.

Mr. Greenfield says that the whole question was discussed at length with the federal ministers and with the prime minister in person. The upshot of it appears to be that an accounting of the resources is the plan now favored by the dominion authorities, and the provincial cabinet will decide what the Alberta stand on that point will be. If finally agreed upon by both parties, the accounting will cover all receipts and expenditures since 1905 and will probably be done by a commission to be appointed specially for the purpose.

Three different bases of settlement were before the conference for discussion, says the premier. These were the proposal of the Alberta government for compensation for railway lands alienated for the general benefit of the dominion, settlement on the terms of a payment, the amount of which is to be set in lieu of compensation; and settlement on the basis of accounting.

So far as indicated by the discussion in conference, there is little probability of the compensation plan going through. This was the plan for the thirteen million acres of land granted in aid of railway construction outside its own bounds, and the provincial government was prepared to settle on this basis and drop the cash subsidy now being paid by the dominion to the province. But Ottawa does not seem disposed to accept this proposal.

Therefore if there is to be an early settlement at all, it would appear to be a choice between the plan of continuing the cash subsidy for three years, which was Ottawa's own offer last year but which was not acceptable to the provincial government, and the accounting, which, if done thoroughly and adequately, may yet prove the justice of Alberta's claims.

Fortune Smiles on Him Who Opens the Door When Oil Opportunity Knocks

There is no such thing as being slow but sure in oil development, but there is such a thing as being swift and sure. The laggard and the think-it-over-until-tomorrow man has no place in present day operations, because every branch of the business has become so large, the competition so sharp as to cause events to move as swiftly as a racing automobile, and every man ambitious for financial success in oil must think and act as fast and as clearly as he possibly can. In oil development, fortune smiles on the men having abounding faith, nerves of steel, unflinching vision and a strong desire to win, and is willing to take a chance to do it. The failures are men of mediocrity who can see further in the past than into the future, possessing a keen hindsight and more often found at the mourners' bench relating a story of hard luck than of possessing a life membership in the good fellows club of Who Is Who in Oildom.

From an article by Walter M. D. Dunham, world famous statistician of the oil industry, writing on "Oil Resources of U. S. Still Enormous" in The Oil & Gas Journal.

Government that would have given the Royal Dutch-Shell a virtual monopoly in some of the most promising oil lands in Dominion.

When the Royal Dutch-Shell combine was seeking exclusive rights along such lines, interests identified with the Imperial Oil Ltd., are understood to have advanced the contention to the Dominion authorities that the granting of such rights to the Royal Dutch-Shell would be unfair to the Imperial because of the huge investment which the Imperial had made over a course of many years in developing the oil industry in Canada. The interests friendly to the Imperial stated at the same time that the Imperial stood ready to inaugurate a big campaign of exploration for oil in the Dominion. Soon afterwards the Royal Dutch-Shell combine lost out in its efforts and soon after the Imperial Oil Ltd., inaugurated a bigger drilling campaign in the Dominion than it had ever before attempted.

Filing on Leases Active in New Proven Oil Field

Filing on leases for petroleum and natural gas has been very brisk at the Dominion Land Office, Edmonton during the last two weeks. It is reported that over ten thousand acres of new leases have been applied for. One company has filed on all the available School Sections in the Townships between Wainwright and Edgerton, these leases have not been taken up very readily on account of the fact that they cannot be included in groups with Government leases as in order to secure credit for money spent in drilling on account of rental the work must be done on a School Section. Some four or five thousand acres have been filed on in Townships 47 Ranges 6-7-8-9. These are south of the Buffalo Coulee. There has been some rumor of an eastern company taking up some twenty thousand acres in the vicinity of Grizley Bear Coulee where a geological party spent some months a few seasons ago, so far we have been unable to verify any filing being done there.

Royalty in Ten Acres Earns Thousand Dollars a Month

Monona, Iowa, Jan. 5.—Ten acres is a small piece of land, but if it be located in Texas, "where anything can happen," it may mean a fortune as it does to Mrs. Hester Egbert of this place, who sold a lease of it for \$10,000 and is now getting \$1,000 a month, from the one-eighth royalty alone, with the assurance of a big fortune from it before much time has passed. Mrs. Egbert's experience has stirred many of those who know the story of her 10 acres to secure Texas leases for themselves.

Bought for \$50.00

Twenty-three years ago a smooth talking stranger called on folks around this town with a proposition to buy Texas land. That was before the oil boom days. It was not an oil prospect, but a town lot promotion scheme of rainbow-hued promise that he laid before the unsuspecting and unsuspecting.

He wasn't successful. There was a dearth of buyers, but eventually he did land one, Dave Tapper. Dave bit to the extent of \$50, receiving a deed for ten acres of Texas land and the assurance that some day when he had thousands of millions he would know what a benefactor the promoter had been to him.

Wise Sister Steps In

The town didn't materialize. Taxes did, however, once a year. After a time Dave got disgusted paying them and decided to admit he had been a fool and let the blamed townsites go for taxes. At this juncture his sister, Mrs. Hester Egbert, stepped in with a bit more optimistic view and contracted to pay the taxes herself. This she has been doing since.

A couple of months ago she received several letters from Texas asking if she would sell her land. Shortly following the letters a strange woman came to her home and made a small offer for the tract. Three days afterward a man appeared and did likewise.

Follows Her Hunch.

Mrs. Egbert had a hunch. Instead of dealing with strangers she engaged her banker to go to Texas to investigate. The banker went and found a big paying oil well flowing within 300 feet of her land.

It wasn't long thereafter before a Texas oil company had in its possession a lease to the ten acres signed by Mrs. Egbert. She had a check for \$10,000 dollars and a written agreement that one-eighth of all oil obtained on her land should belong to her.

Now a well has been sunk on her property which is producing 800 barrels a day. Mrs. Egbert's revenue from it is \$35 dollars a day—a thousand dollars a month. And this is a bare starter. Three more wells are to be drilled.

But what about Dave in all this?

Dave has nothing to kick about. Neither has Mrs. Egbert's son, Ray, to whom Uncle Dave originally had given one acre of the ten.

"Dave and Ray," says Mrs. Egbert, "are going to get a bird of all I make."

Mrs. Egbert is one of the old residents of Monona and is a prominent church worker. At present she is visiting her son, who is married and lives in Le Mars, Ia.—Texas Oil World.

**When it's really cold
there's nothing like
Hot Bovril**

THE OLD HOME IN ONTARIO

In the place around which centres the tenderest memories of many who are now citizens of Western Canada. All such have now a splendid opportunity to visit the scenes of their youth, to meet and once again to greet their old friends and acquaintances. Beginning 20th of December, the Railways are offering attractive rates to Eastern Canada. Come and bring the wife and children too and when in Toronto stop at the WALKER HOUSE or the CARLSBERG HOTEL where special attention is given to Ladies and Children who are travelling.

THE WALKER HOUSE THE HOTEL CARLSBERG
The Hotel Carlsberg, 1111-1113, The Hotel of Ontario, where Mrs. Wright and Mr. M. Carlsberg (both formerly of the West) are proprietors. Attractive rates on European and American Plans. No reasonable request of a Parent for special food for the Children is ever refused.

It Pays To Advertise

Some years ago a comedy under the above name was presented in the theatres throughout the country. It proved extremely popular and had a long and successful run because it was not only extremely funny, but it was based on truth. That advertising pays is only recognized by the big business men of the world; in fact, it is because they recognized this truth that most of them are today in the class of big business and it is through advertising that they retain their position there. This is something that men in the class of "small" business should realize.

We have read in the past who was one induced to place an advertisement in a paper and who was later approached to repeat the experiment. He emphatically refused and when asked for his reason declared that as a result of his advertisement he had sold out his entire stock of the article advertised in one day and had been compelled to get an entirely new stock. Then there is the story of the man who declared that advertising had ruined his business, and when a friend remarked, "Why, I never knew you advertised," he replied, "I didn't, but my competitor did." These may be jokes, but they are examples of fact.

The power of publicity in business development and growth was recently described at a convention in New York. The production of the rubber industry in California was 110,000,000 pounds a year. A national advertising campaign was inaugurated and in four years a full vacancy of production has been reached, namely, 325,000,000 pounds, a gain of considerably more than the original total production. Land for rubber growing which formerly sold for \$150 to \$200 an acre, has increased to \$750 to \$1,250 an acre.

Why is this? That the people of the United States in 1922 spent \$100,000,000 for chewing gum, \$20,000,000 for candy, \$12,000,000 for soap, \$15,000,000 for hair oil, and \$800,000,000 on patent medicines? Largely because the big business men who produce these articles are among the greatest advertisers in the world, so much so that it will be well-nigh impossible to pick up a newspaper or magazine without having these articles forced on your attention.

Some years ago the writer of this article had a conversation with the manufacturer of what is probably Canada's best known patent medicine, and out of the sale of which he has amassed millions. This manufacturer stated that out of every package he sold he set aside one-half of the money received as an advertising appropriation to encourage further sales. In the year in question he spent one and a quarter million dollars in advertising. Asked why, with his medicine so well known, he did not stop off say the quarter million and add it to his profits, he emphatically stated that, on the contrary, he would spend even more.

It is sometimes argued by the man in small business that while advertising is all right, it is a waste of money on the part of a small business. That is just where small business makes its mistake. Advertising rightly directed is never wasted, and the merchant in a small town or village who does not advertise, not sporadically but persistently and intelligently, and in the best way to reach his own circle of possible purchasers, namely, through his local paper, is neglecting a great opportunity and leaving the door wide open for his greatest competitor, the mail order house, to capture business which rightfully he should enjoy.

Another mistake made by many a man in the small business class is that in times of business depression, when it becomes necessary to retrench, he cuts off or reduces his advertising, thinking thereby to reduce expenditures. He does reduce expenditures, but to an even greater extent he reduces the volume of his business upon which depends his ability to meet all these expenses he cannot reduce. "Big Business" does not do this; on the contrary, it increases its advertising, possibly reduces prices slightly and goes after increased volume and the largest possible turnover, thereby making more money through increased sales although at a smaller margin of profit on each sale.

Despite "hard times" the pulp and paper business has expanded enormously and newspaper circulation continues high, the reason being that even in the worst periods of industrial depression newspaper advertising has continued at high levels. During "hard times" the merchant, big or small, who merely waits for business to come to him, instead of going after it, is the one least likely to successfully weather the storm.

Illiteracy Menace in U.S.

One-fourth of the population of the United States can neither read nor write the English language. This is a declaration made by government authorities who are promoting "Educational Week," November 18-24, in order to emphasize the growing menace of illiteracy in America. The most exhaustive and the most reliable test of literacy is pointed out was made during the mobilization of 4,000,000 during the war, under the draft act.

Britishers Not So Slow

Perhaps the traditional view of the English business man as dealing with deliberation needs revising. Within one hour of the time that a large firm of London engineers signed the contract to feed the 30,000,000 people who are expected to visit the British Empire Exhibition next year, letters were on their way to Wembley Park with the first load of engineering equipment to build the dining halls.—Financial Post.

Nerves So Bad That She Would Sit and Cry

Mrs. Mary Hocking, Madoc, Ont., writes:—

"Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has done me a wonderful lot of good. I suffered from general weakness and was to run down and my heart and nerves were in such bad shape that I would sit down and cry and not know what I was crying about. I also used to have weak spells. Thanks to Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, however, I am real well now. I shall always keep a box of the Nerve Food in the house, and recommend them to my friends; they are a wonderful medicine." (Mr. J. W. Vince, Druggist, Madoc, Ont., says: "I have sold Mrs. Hocking your Nerve Food, and the medicine has done her much good.")

DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD

50 Cents a box, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto

First Teeth Are Important

Children Should Eat Considerable Hard Food Says British Doctor. The necessity for proper attention to children's first teeth is not generally understood. This is useful for several reasons: First, the nutrition of the child, as children cannot properly masticate their food with defective teeth. Second, it is essential to keep back the second set of teeth as long as possible to give them an opportunity of maturing. Third, unless the first set are preserved the child's jaw is not properly developed, and the contracted space leads to a confused and irregular second set, likely to trouble the individual for life. That great British doctor, Mr. Sir Wallace, has done a notable work in pointing out the necessity for giving children a due proportion of hard food to make them exercise their first teeth and develop their jaws. His teaching has spread in all civilized countries, and is now producing good results. He has proved that bad teeth, can be avoided by proper dieting in early life.

THE CAUSE OF SICKNESS

Almost Always Due To Weak and Impoverished Blood

Apart from accident or illness due to infection, almost all illnesses arise from one or two reasons. The mistake that people make is in not realizing that both of these have the same cause, and that namely poor blood. Either bloodlessness or some other trouble of the nerves will be found to be the reason for almost every ailment. If you are pale, suffering from headaches, or breathlessness, with palpitation of the heart, poor appetite and weak indigestion, the cause is all most always poor blood. If you have nervous headaches, neuralgia, sciatica and other nerve pains, the cause is exhausted nerves. But nerves are also a result of poor blood, so that the two chief causes of illness are one and the same.

If your health is poor; if you are pale, nervous or dyspeptic, you should give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial. If you are pale, nervous or dyspeptic, you should give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial. If you are pale, nervous or dyspeptic, you should give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial. If you are pale, nervous or dyspeptic, you should give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial. If you are pale, nervous or dyspeptic, you should give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial.

French and Germans Fraternize

Engage in Football Match and Cheer Each-Other at Conclusion of a Game

"We are glad to meet in sport and forget politics" was the greeting of the captain of a German association football club in introducing to other members of his team to the captain of a team composed of French players stationed at Mayence, when, for the first time, since 1914, German and French athletes met in competition. "Sport makes brothers of us all," responded the captain of the French players, and the members of both teams warmly shook hands.

The conclusion of the match, which was won by the French, did not mean the end of the friendship. The two teams played each other.

Crude Petroleum

The production of crude petroleum in Canada in 1922 amounted to 179,068 barrels, having a sales value of \$520,073. Government bounties on these sales amounted to \$91,613, making the total value \$611,686 to the producers. In 1921, the production was 157,541 barrels, having a total value of \$641,533. The average market value per barrel in 1922 was \$2.90, while in 1921 it was \$2.52.

Only a Night Owl

A man went to the university town to visit his son, a first-year student. He called at the young fellow's boarding house and said to the landlady: "You have a Mr. Jones, a student?" "Student?" said the landlady. "Is young Mr. Jones a student?" My goodness, I always understood he was a night watchman."—Yate Record.

Radio in the Embassies

Now that John Bull and Uncle Sam can talk to each other over the radio broadcasting route, why bother about having ambassadors?—From the Boston Transcript.

Fiji Islanders put a certain drug in the water which stupefies the fish there and allows them to be taken at will.

The oldest frame building in America is a meeting house in Maryland, built in 1694.

Sodium Sulphate Mines

Change in Royalty Provisions Has Been Secured

A substantial change in the royalty provisions of the Alkali Mining regulations by a Dominion order-in-council has been made as the result of representations made by Thos. M. Mollor, commissioner of Labor and Industries, Saskatchewan, under the new regulations the maximum value of the unrefined product at the point of shipment has been fixed at \$2.00 per ton. Therefore the royalty payable being on the basis of twelve and a half per cent. of the selling value of the salts is now set so that it cannot exceed 25 cents per ton. Under the old regulation the royalties were based upon the selling value of the salts or brine of their natural state, which value naturally fluctuated with the market placing the producer in the position of being unable to determine his royalties in advance, and in addition making possible the payment of a royalty altogether out of proportion of the cost of production.

"The sodium sulphate industry being established in the province," stated Mr. Mollor, "would have been seriously handicapped by the old method and was highly pleased that the representations made by this department have been favorably received at Ottawa."

Only two of the deposits in Saskatchewan are being developed at the present time, one at Muskeg Lake, in the northwestern part of the province, and the other at Fredrick Lake in the southern part of the province. The six deposits owned by the Dominion Government partly show an approximate quantity of between seventeen and twenty million tons of sodium sulphate. Some of the biggest deposits have not yet been touched and the estimated yield runs from one-half million tons to fifteen or more million tons.

Will Bring Suitable Settlers to Canada

Sound Immigration Policy Adopted By Canadian National Railway. According to a statement issued from Canadian National Railway headquarters, an important and definite policy of immigration selection has been decided upon by the department of colonization and immigration of the National Railways, as a result of a series of conferences at general headquarters in Montreal.

This meeting, which was presided over by Mr. J. B. Bell, vice-president in charge of this department, was attended by officers of the department from all parts of the system.

The policy as announced which follows closely the general scheme outlined some months ago by Mr. Robb, provides for the bringing to Canada of suitable settlers and also for the careful selection of these settlers from the point of view of their adaptability and for the protection of their interests after their arrival in this country. In this latter part the assistance of the soldier settlement field service of the federal government is to be requested.

Attention has been given also to the need of developing colonization with the youth of Great Britain and a clear organization is to be developed. It is stated, with this end in view, so that as many boys and girls as possible from 15 to 18 years of age may be placed in comfortable homes in the rural districts of the Dominion where they will have an opportunity of acquainting themselves with the agricultural methods of Canada.

The policy was decided upon, the statement says, after many months of organization and investigation.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Pain

Moving Greenwich Observatory. Greenwich observatory known and used by the scientific world, is to be moved from Greenwich to Holmbury Hill. Electrification of a railway line running nearby necessitated the change. The observatory was built in 1675 for the advancement of navigation and nautical astronomy. "Greenwich time" is the world's standard.

A safe and sure medicine for a child troubled with worms. Mother Graves' Worm Expeller.

Sure Cough Cough. Truly will out, even if advertisements, as another misprint shows: "Wanted a general servant to do the work of a small horse."—London Daily News.

SPOHN'S DISTEMPER COMPOUND

Are your horses coughing? If so, give them SPOHN'S DISTEMPER COMPOUND. Coughs, Colds, Distemper, Influenza, Pink Eye and Worms among horses and mules done in an occasional dose. "SPOHN'S" them up. Sold at all drug stores.

SPOHN MEDICAL CO. KOSHER, IND. U.S.A.

Gift Received By Alberta University

Rockefeller Foundation Grants \$500,000 For Upkeep Of Medical School

The University of Alberta announces that it has received a grant of \$500,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for the upkeep of the medical school. Dr. Pearce, medical director of the foundation, visited Edmonton some time ago, and was so satisfied with the conditions developing at the University that he recommended that the Foundation pay the yearly interest on \$500,000 to aid in the development of the medical school.

Last year the medical school received a grant of \$100,000 from the American Medical Association, and this autumn Dr. Pearce communicated with the University and stated that he was prepared to recommend to the Rockefeller Foundation the handing over of the capital of \$500,000 to the University. The foundation at a board meeting on December 4 formally approved of the recommendation.

For Aches, Pains

The Safe Home Remedy

NERVINE

When sudden sickness comes, when the kiddies come in with colds, their little chests and throats sore from coughing, their results always follow a vigorous rubbing with good old NERVINE. It's Cramps, Colic, Diarrhoea, Stomachic, it's a wonderful relief. It brings ease and comfort so quickly. For young and old, to overcome the minor ills that constantly arise in the home, nothing compares with NERVINE. —35 cents at all dealers.

Great Business Methods

Paying U.S. in Liberty Bonds Saves Britain Nearly \$2,000,000

On December 15, Great Britain paid the United States \$92,000,000 interest and principal on the British debt, and payment was made in Liberty bonds, which was an alternative under the agreement. John Bull's financial assistance is again shown. The Liberty bonds are acceptable at par, and have doubtless been bought up at a discount. It is said that the British Government will save by this method of payment from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. —St. Catharines Standard.

Mother! Give Sick Baby

"California Fig Syrup"

Harmless Laxative to Clean Liver and Bowels of Baby or Child

Even constipated, bilious, feverish, or sick, colic babies, children, and old people, can't do more to take genuine "California Fig Syrup" than to give it. No other laxative regulates the tender little bowels so nicely. It sweetens the stomach and starts the liver and bowels acting without gripping. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Give "California" to your druggist and he will give you a bottle of genuine "California Fig Syrup" which contains directions.

Livestock Marketed in Canada

Interesting Report Issued By Dominion Livestock Branch

Agricultural representatives, local livestock associations and others, should find the information contained in Report No. 2 of the Dominion Intelligence Service of the Dominion Livestock Branch, relating to the origin and quality of commercial livestock marketed in Canada, as it relates to their immediate neighborhood, a subject for serious consideration since it bears directly on the financial returns of practically every farmer in livestock. These words, which are mainly taken from the introduction to the report itself, fairly represent the object that its preparation and publication are intended to attain. The report presents statistics to show by classes and grading, the origin, quality and volume of the annual output of commercial livestock marketed, at stockyards, direct to abattoirs, and direct for export from every district in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec for the years 1920, 1921 and 1922. It reveals the sources of Canada's best and poorest offerings, and, as well, shows the significant changes that are steadily taking place locally as regards quality and volume of production. In short a study of the figures contained in the report should be enlightening to anyone engaged in the livestock industry of the country. Copies may be obtained on application to the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Canadian exports of wheat, including wheat flour, during July amounted to 36,153,000 bushels, an excess of 4,479,000 bushels, or 38 per cent., over July of last year.

Minard's Liniment for Dandruff

SUFFERED FROM SEVERE PIMPLES

On Face, Caused Intense Itching, Cuticura Heals.

"I suffered great annoyance from severe pimples on my face, which I attributed to the use of poor soap. The pimples were hard, red and rather large, and scattered. They were bothered all over my face and caused intense itching and burning. My face looked unsightly. This condition lasted about two months."

"I read an advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment and purchased some. I could see an improvement, and in two months I was healed." (Signed) Miss H. P. McArthur, Misscouche, Prince Edward Island.

Refresh your skin by daily use of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and purchased some. I could see an improvement, and in two months I was healed." (Signed) Miss H. P. McArthur, Misscouche, Prince Edward Island.

Smoke Screen Boomerang

Airplane Can Use Smoke Screen in Attacking Battleships

The smoke screen devised as a defence for battleships against their enemies is being used against them, and instead of being a blessing it is likely to prove the reverse. This smoke screen can now be spread about the battleships by fast, small planes which makes it impossible for the approach of the aerial bomb fleet to be observed. This enables the attacking planes to fly low, when with sensitive fliers they pick up the downed battleship by bomb, adjust their aim and loose the bomb in safety except for the possibility of a chance shot fired blindly against the pal of smoke by the anti-aircraft guns on the ship below. It is a strange thing to find the screen employed as a weapon of offense against the very craft which originally produced it as a defensive measure.

For Sprains and Bruises.—There is nothing better for sprains and bruises than Dr. Thomas' Eucalypti Oil. It will relieve the swelling that follows a sprain, will cool the inflamed flesh and draw the pain. It will take the swelling off and soothe the inflamed inflammation. A trial will convince any who doubt its power.

Aid To Germany

Should Be Furnished Only On a Business Basis Says Coolidge

Any aid given Germany by the United States, should, in the opinion of President Coolidge, be furnished on a business basis rather than as a matter of charity.

This statement of the President's views, made at the White House after a conference between the executive and Ambassador Weidfeldt, of Germany, was taken as an indication that Mr. Coolidge would not at this juncture favor an appropriation for German relief such as that proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Lenroot, Republican, Wisconsin.

Fox Farms in Canada

There are 877 fox farms in Canada valued at \$7,849,570. Of these 434 valued at \$3,692,509 are in Prince Edward Island, 107 valued at \$174,047 in Nova Scotia, 86 valued at \$289,705 in New Brunswick, 146 valued at \$773,324 in Quebec, 120 valued at \$765,115 in Ontario, 19 valued at \$651,510 in Manitoba, four valued at \$91,525 in Saskatchewan, and valued at \$123,932 in Alberta, 21 valued at \$122,850 in British Columbia and 16 valued at \$162,060 in Yukon Territory.

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W. N. U. 4502

Feeding Cattle Over Winter Would Prove Of Benefit To Western Live Stock Industry

All livestock authorities and observers of western livestock conditions are of one opinion in regard to the benefits that would accrue to the whole industry if more cattle were fed over winter and marketed fat in the spring instead of being dumped as stockers in the fall. Previous press articles from Brandon Experimental Farm have dealt with the methods of feeding, choice of cattle for feeding and other points in regard to the business. It is the purpose of this article to indicate, at least partly, that groups of farmers might undertake this type of stock-production with the best prospect of making it profitable. It is obvious; for instance, that the dairyman who uses all his winter feed for milk production and carrying over his young dairy stock cannot add to his herd for best-making. Neither can the fully stocked pure-bred breeder, nor the wheat-grower who raises barely enough feed for his horses.

There are, however, many of our wheat-growers who are looking to a development of more mixed farming. They are realizing the precariousness of the one-crop system of farming and would like to change gradually to a more diversified one. To these the fattening of best cattle over winter offers an excellent means of starting in the right direction. It does not require the building of any fences nor the laying aside of any arable land for pasture. By building a cheap pole-and-straw structure and digging a trench along nearby, one can provide sufficient equipment at low cost. The labor of feeding the cattle comes during the slack winter period and does not interfere with the busy summer rush of the grain farm. The crops which are needed to round out the more balanced system of farming such as sweet clover, grasses, corn, etc., make the very best fodder for the cattle, and the coarse grains now grown or which may be increased in acreage in the future may be marketed more profitably by feeding to good cattle than by shipping. Then the by-products of wheat-growing such as wild oats, wild buckwheat and other edible screenings may be turned to profit instead of loss.

Another class which might do more winter-feeding, consists of those who are now raising cattle and shipping in the fall. In many of our northern districts expeditors of this cattle and carloads of oats are shipped out together. It would be to the decided advantage of all concerned if these could come out in the spring in combination as fat cattle. Of course the question of credit enters into this problem and many men are forced to liquidate in the fall notwithstanding that their own judgment would indicate a different policy. It would be a far-sighted policy on the part of expeditors in these cases, where the farmer has suitable cattle and feeding ability, to allow greater leeway.

Soya Beans Improve Land

Plant Needs Very Little Attention and Grows Rapidly

The world's most wonderful plant is undoubtedly the Soya bean. It grows with extraordinary rapidity, taking only one hundred days to mature from seed to plant and seed again, and is of a bright scarlet color which afterwards fades to green. It needs very little attention, will yield as much as one hundred bushels to the acre, and improves the land on which it grows.

The beans can be made into flour, salad dressing, lubricating and illuminating oil, glycerine, paint, varnish, celluloid, printing ink, soap, water-proofs, explosives, insulation and substitutes for milk, coffee, rubber and margarine!

The Social Fire Hazard

Nothing will thaw out a neighborhood like a fire. An informal fire party, got up late one evening on the spur of the moment, cleared out 90 per cent. of a neighborhood which until that time had been a model of frigidity, and within the next year resulted in one new church, one volunteer fire company, two marriages, thirty or forty new friendships, twenty-seven parties, fifteen dances, 1,754 trades in advice on child rearing and only one quarrel—Collins.

Coal Stored Under Water

A power company in Ohio is constructing a mile and a quarter of an old canal, in order to use it as a coal bin. The coal will be stored under water partly to prevent spontaneous combustion and partly to keep it in the best condition, for comparative tests have shown that bituminous coal stored under water gives more heat than coal exposed for a long time in the air.

W. N. U. 1603

Champion Wheat Grower

Civil Engineer Turns to Farming and Wins World's Championship for Wheat

Four years a farmer and grower of wheat, that has been awarded the world's championship at the Chicago International Show, is the unique record of Major H. G. L. Strange, of Penn. Alta. Major Strange's record suggests that civil engineers and experts in poison gas should make good farmers, for previous to the war, the major was manager of a gas company in Hawaii and during the conflict he was one of the chief men in the British army's poison gas service.

His success in obtaining first awards in red hard spring wheat and yellow field peas, with the wheat championship of the world; are outstanding triumphs for one so young in the game.

It was only after the war that he took up farming and obtained 1,600 acres of land at Penn, about six miles north of Big Valley in Central Alberta, and where he has undertaken the production of elite seeds and purebred stock and poultry.

He has exhibited at Chicago twice previously and the grain shown was always grown on the lower levels of his farm, among the undulations to the north of the Big Valley. Here he has a splendid type of soil which has now justified his selection of it for the production of the finest seed possible.

Major Strange has all his own implements for the production of special first generation seeds. With a 22-inch separator he threshes out small lots at the rate of about a rackful at a time. He has special machinery imported direct from France, costing thousands of dollars, with which he cleans his seed.

As president of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association, Major Strange holds a high place in the seed industry of the province, and he is also representative for Western Canada on the Dominion Advisory Seed Board. He is the secretary for the Alberta Record of Production, Poultry Breeders' Association, of which he is very active member.

Saskatchewan Turkeys

Fifteen Carloads Shipped East for the Holiday Market

Fifteen carloads of dressed turkeys were marketed with the assistance of the markets branch of the department of agriculture, Saskatchewan, early in December, according to W. Waldron, acting markets commissioner. Four cars were billed to New York, others to Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg. The shipments were from Maple Creek, Young, Penzance, Weyburn, Redlyn, Shaunavon, Conquest, Arcola, Carnduff, Woodrow, Corinne, Davidson, Grivins and Bladworth.

Weather Permitting

A certain town elected a mayor who was very fond of show. He took every step to insure that his introduction into office should occur in favorable weather and in appropriate circumstance. At his suggestion the following notice was inserted in the local papers some days before his inauguration:

"On the occasion of the inauguration of the new mayor, the fire brigade will be reviewed in the afternoon should it rain in the morning, and in the morning should it rain in the afternoon."

So Simple

Stirling Calder, the eminent sculptor, said at a Philadelphia reception: "They have been teaching novel writing by correspondence for some time, and I see that a company has been formed to teach sculpture by correspondence."

"That reminds me of a young swell who said to a sculptor of eminence: 'Sculpture is very easy, isn't it?' 'Very, very easy,' said the sculptor, 'and very, very simple. You just take a block of marble and a chisel and knock off all the marble you don't want.'—Philadelphia Ledger."

Cleaning Her Fingernails

Mother (assuming her best before company manner)—Oh, precious lamb! Hasn't mother told you that you must not bite your fingernails!

Precious Lamb—I'm not, mother. I'm just getting the dirt out.

Reaching the Objective

Dr. Henry Van Dyke—"We drive our motors at a furious speed, not knowing what we shall do when we get there." Oh, yes, we do. We shall fill our tank with gas, then drive furiously to another filling station."—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Thousands On Staffs Of New York Dailies

14,072 In Editorial, Mechanical and Business Departments

A total of 14,072 persons are employed in the publication of the leading dailies of Greater New York according to figures secured from business managers of the various newspapers.

The figure includes employees of the New York Times, Morning and Evening World, Tribune, Daily News, American and Journal, Sun and Globe and Herald, Mail, Telegram, Evening Post, Wall Street Journal, Journal of Commerce, and Brooklyn papers, the Eagle, Standard-Union, Citizen and Times.

Of the total, 2,352 men and women are engaged in the gathering and editing of news, features and editorials, 3,997 are associated with the business departments, and 6,522 comprise the mechanical forces.

There are about 1,200 newspapers, magazines and periodicals of all kinds printed in Greater New York.

Of the three large dailies with morning and evening editions, the Sun-Globe and Herald, World, and the American and Journal, the last named has the largest staff. The Herald organization employs a total of 2,352.

The Times leads all newspapers with but one edition with a staff of 1,872. Munsey's Sun-Globe and Herald employ 2,130, and the Evening Telegram 782. The World has 2,154 employees.

Guarantee Peace of World

No Alarm Felt in Britain Over U.S. Navy Appropriation

The annual report of the United States Secretary of the Navy, which calls for appropriation of \$30,000,000 for the modernization of the United States navy is commented upon by the London Daily Chronicle which points out that the projected appropriation should not cause the least alarm or suspicion as it might once have done.

"So far from either country taking umbrage at reports of this kind," says the newspaper, "there is a disposition in both Great Britain and America to welcome joint responsibility in policing the waters of the world."

The Chronicle adds that Britain regards a strong United States navy as an added guarantee of the peace of the world.

Cheap Money Afflicting China

Cheap money is afflicting China as it is afflicting Western Europe. In China, however, it is not a flood of paper but of copper, the money of the masses, that is making the trouble. The value of the copper cent has fallen to about 190 for a dollar in silver, a depreciation that seriously hurts the purchasing power of all persons who work for fixed wages.

WESTERN EDITORS



J. H. Woods, Editor and Managing Director of The Daily Herald, Calgary, Alberta.

Better Dairy Outlook

Dominion May Soon Resume Its Former Supremacy

The Ottawa Citizen refers to Mr. Motherwell's speech to the assembled dairymen of the Dominion as a source of encouragement to the general public as well as to those to whom it was directly addressed. The Minister of Agriculture declared that much had been said of the great advance in dairyming which New Zealand and Australia had made, which had led to the former country outstripping Canada as an exporter of dairy products.

"But in this respect the Dominion had made great strides, and in some provinces equipment was ahead of production."

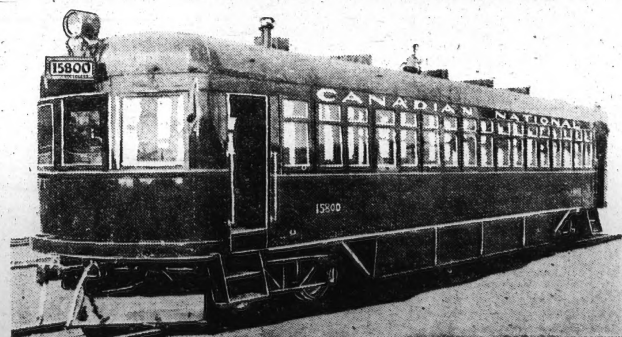
It is evident that the concern caused by the loss of leadership in certain directions has led to an improvement in the Canadian dairy outlook. If the dairymen note seriously the remarks of the Minister of Agriculture, the Dominion will soon resume its former supremacy.

A keen appreciation of the importance of quality and a closer system of co-operation were urged as the prime necessities for Canada to lead the world. These are signs that in both these directions Canadian dairymen are concentrating attention. If they continue to do so, they need not be apprehensive for the future—and may even cease worrying about the sale and manufacture of oleomargarine.—Moose Jaw Times.

The Canadian National Railway carries more forest products than any other railway in the world. During the past year this system hauled over eleven million tons.

"No man who says just what he thinks is apt to acquire an enviable reputation as a thinker."

RAILWAY USES ELECTRIC CAR



The first storage battery electrically driven car used by railways in Western Canada has been placed in service between Winnipeg and Transcona by the Canadian National Railway, whose shops at Transcona employ some 2,400 men, many of whom reside in Winnipeg, travelling back and forth morning and evening. Others reside in Transcona with their families.

Export Of Cheese

United Kingdom Is the Largest Consumer of Canadian Cheese

Canada exported \$4,778,000 worth of cheese to various countries during the month of October. This figure represents an increase of \$1,231,000 over the total value of cheese exported in October, 1922. The United Kingdom is shown as by far the largest consumer, taking 215,000 cwt., valued at \$4,634,000. During the twelve months ended October, Canada shipped \$24,134,000 worth of cheese, compared with \$20,467,000 in the previous fiscal year.

Statisticians Discuss Time When Population Of World Will Have Reached Its Limit

Canadian Apples

Popular In Britain

Bad Packing in Some Cases is Hurting Trade

"I was in London when Canadian apples were coming forward in great quantities to Great Britain and was very pleased to note the general good repute in which they were held," says Dr. J. H. Girdale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who has returned from the Old Country. "Some of our shippers, however, have been making very serious blunders in sending forward apples rather badly packed, and in shipping forward, also apples that looked like windfalls."

"This had the effect of lowering the average price on the British market by some shillings per barrel," it also hurts the general trade, and cannot help but work very serious injury to the reputation of our Canadian fruit should the practice be continued. Our reputation has been brought up gradually for a number of years and has received a tremendous boost this year by our most important winnings at the Manchester Fruit Show when Canada carried off premier honors in the Empire class for apples. The demand for Canadian apples in Great Britain can be very materially increased if the right article is sent forward and properly handled there."

Population Is Growing

Immigration Shows 102 Per Cent. Gain Over Last Year

Immigration to Canada for the first seven months of the fiscal year shows an increase of 102 per cent., when compared with the total figures for the corresponding period of 1922-23.

The statement shows that during the seven months 76,508 immigrants entered Canada, compared with 52,561 in the same time last year. British immigration increased 125 per cent.; United States immigration decreased 11 per cent.; and immigration from other countries shows an increase of 230 per cent. British immigration during the seven months totalled 57,632, compared with 25,592 during the corresponding period of 1922; immigration from the United States, 14,900, compared with 16,731.

The month showing the heaviest increase in immigration from Great Britain was August; harvest labor from Great Britain being largely responsible.

When the book of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was finished by Mrs. Stowe, her husband hoped she would sell enough copies to buy a new dress.

The population limit of the world has been reached at 2,223. Dr. Raymond Pearl, professor of biometry and vital statistics at Johns Hopkins University, has estimated.

"The population of the world always has grown and certainly is now growing at a rate which, if continued, will completely populate the habitable portions of the earth with a density that will be the maximum consistent with the existence of human beings," said Dr. Pearl.

Dr. Pearl and his colleague Dr. Lowell J. Reed, of Johns Hopkins, are engaged in extensive study of world population and its ultimate effects and requirements. They recently completed a study of the population of Greater New York for the Committee on Plan of New York and its environs. Their report predicted that, in round numbers, the population of the New York region in the year 2000 would be 28,500,000 or approximately one-quarter the present population of the United States.

The mathematical theory and formula evolved by Dr. Reed and himself and used in the New York calculation, Dr. Pearl said, were applicable in general to the population of the entire world. He believed, he added, that within a fair degree of accuracy it was possible to foretell the future world population, provided the old world moved along in the same fashion it had for centuries past.

"The population problem," Dr. Pearl said, "is no myth. It is perhaps, the most significant one facing mankind today."

Dr. Pearl pointed out that during the last twenty years the world's food consumption had increased proportionately greater than had the population.

"I believe that any one who considers the facts is bound to have some misgivings about the world's ability to go on indefinitely increasing both its population and its average standard of consumption," Dr. Pearl said, "for that is just what we have been doing. This widened ratio of world consumption represents a more extravagant standard of living."

Bad Year For China

Celestial Inclined to Blame Calendar For Business Depression

Business conditions in China are not so good and Chinese merchants are undecided whether to blame politics or the jinx of the present year.

The Chinese calendar is divided into cycles of 60 years. According to their reckoning, there have been 77 of these cycles since time began, dating from 2697 B.C. during the reign of Huang Ti. The cycles are divided into 12 sections of five years each and each section is known by some special designation such as the years of the sheep, the years of the cock, the years of the monkey, the stork, the pig, etc.

This happens to be the last or fifth year of the pig. The years of the pig are always bad and the last year of the pig is especially bad. In the final year of the pig the last of the Celestial stems meets the last of the terrestrial branches, to use the terms of the sages.

Nothing could happen that would surprise the average Chinese in this year. Bad as it was, the Japanese earthquake did not disturb the Chinese calm. Influenced by this old tradition, Chinese merchants are buying only what they need to keep going. One Chinese banker pointed out that exports had virtually ceased and imports of foodstuffs greatly increased. Customs revenues, records show, decreased 4,000,000 taels during the first half of 1923. No improvement is shown in the spinning industry, and even the mah jong business has fallen off.

On the whole the people are glum and resigned.

From the tramp's point of view no man ought to do enough work to render a vacation necessary.

It may be better to be born lucky than rich, but the man who is born rich is lucky from the start.

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REGISTERED

HOUSE OPENING OFFICIALLY ON MONDAY JAN. 28

The Alberta legislature is called to meet on Monday, January 28th. Proclamation to that effect has been made, and all the official machinery is beginning to move in preparation for what is expected to be one of the most important sessions in the history of the province.

Departmental reports covering the work of the past year have been in progress for some time past, while the several branches of government service are working on the estimates for 1924. Legislation to come before the House is in various stages of preparation, the prospects being that there will be some eighteen or twenty government bills, with only a small number of private bills.

Acting Premier Headley has announced that it is not the present intention of the government to issue a call for the two by-elections before the session. The government has definite reasons for this action, according to recent announcements, and it is likely that Premier Greenfield will have a statement to make in the House if the present plan of not calling the by-elections is adhered to. The reasons that will then be given; but are being withheld until that time and place, will be sufficiently good and adequate, declares the acting premier, to be generally acceptable and to justify the government's action in the matter.

Redistribution as a probability looming up on the political and governmental horizon is spoken of as a reason for the government not bringing on the by-elections. The ministers are not saying how much or little foundation there is for this surmise, and they take the ground that whatever is to be said on that subject should properly be said on the floor of the house. It is known, however, as matter of record, that the government is in favor of some measure of re-distribution and the reduction of seats as an objective for the future, and the inference being drawn by the public is that a beginning is to be made in some re-arrangement of the Clearwater and Grouard vacancies.

In addition to a statement on this point, Premier Greenfield will have a report to make to the house on the result of his present trip to Ottawa in quest of the natural resources, and he is also expected to report on his further efforts to secure favorable coal rates to Ontario markets.

The big issue of the session so far as legislation is concerned, will be the new liquor bill and the setting up of the selling organization, on which the attorney-general is now at work. In addition to the new liquor act and a new elections act, four new pieces of legislation have been completed and passed on to the printers in preparation for the coming session. A life insurance act is among the quartet already completed, while amendments to the university act and the treasury act and a hospital bill will also be submitted to the house.

In addition to these four completed bills and others previously announced, the government is working on several important acts that it is planning to lay on the table, but does not expect to pass at this session. One of these will be an act on domestic relations, in which it is proposed to cover such points as alimony, custody of infants, separation and the like, with a view to bringing together in one act, and in revised form, all the provincial statutes bearing on questions of this sort.

A new mechanics' lien act will also be dealt with, it is expected, in the same way as the domestic relations act.

CANADA

Sir Henry Thornton, in a speech at Brockville last night: "We've got the Canadian National railways; they're looking up. We've got the Canadian government merchant marine; it can be made to pay. We've got the Dominion of Canada fairly screaming for immigration. "We've got everything in Canada a nation can want. We can do big things with all of them if we will only pull together. We must forget and forego religious prejudices, sectional pride and all those things that are merely monkey wrenches in the machinery. A great heritage is ours if we will only handle it with common sense and courage. Let us hold fast to our religion in God and take our courage in both hands and we will make of Canada a nation of which our children will be proud."

The annual bank statements are being published in the daily papers. The presidents of these banks say they have had the best year in their history. Yes, they have no hard times.

VIKING

Mr. Sloan of Edmonton, was here last week and made a deal for the purchase of the Bassett Drug store. Mr. Sloan is the owner of a chain of drug stores and the Viking store will be another link in the chain. Mr. Bassett has accepted a position with the Revillon Wholesale Ltd., Edmonton and expects to move to his new duties on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett will move to the city shortly to make their home. We regret to see this estimable family leave our midst but wish them success in their new location. Mr. Bassett has been in business here for the past three years, having bought out Mr. Cooke, who is now at Millet.

The pool tournament which will be held in the Ruyton pool parlors on Tuesday evening, January 22nd, promises to be a real sporting event. The affair is being held under the auspices of the G. W. V. A. who have been granted the use of the pool tables free of charge. Entry to the tournament is 25 cents. Suitable prizes will be awarded. Come and try your luck.

The hockey team travels via the fast train to Chauvin on Saturday next, January 19th and will try to lift the Dawson trophy, emblematic of the senior amateur championship of the season from Tofted to Chauvin. The Chauvin team recently lifted the silverware from Wainwright.

The annual meeting of the Viking & Birch Lake District Agricultural Society was held last Wednesday afternoon in the town hall. The meeting was fairly well attended and those present were enthusiastic about the prospects and future of the organization. The work of the past year was reviewed and showed that some progress has been made in liquidating part of the debt on the exhibition grounds. The deal for the land with the C. N. R. was approved.

After discussing plans for the coming year, the following officers were elected:

R. D. Kelly, Hon. President.
John Downie, 1st Vice-President.
Thos. Swift, 2nd Vice-President.
Directors as follows: F. Doncaster, A. Wilkinson, Wm. Taylor, Carl Almgreen, John Theaker, Jas. Lawes, Chas. Barber, J. P. Poole, H. Empey, P. A. Main, D. Maxwell, Fred Cotter, H. S. Jensen, G. P. Lee, J. H. Roiland, J. L. Loftus.

Mr. J. T. J. Collison, barrister, was down from Edmonton on the 9th interviewing the farmers as to what evidence they had to give before the court to sustain the grounds taken that the Department of Public Works did not have the necessary authority as required by Drainage Act to construct the Viking ditch.

After hearing the evidence of some ten or twelve ratepayers he expressed himself as satisfied that the ratepayers have a good case but says that it will be necessary to have every man with whom he talked give his evidence at the trial and as many more as can be secured.

The return games of the District Event between Viking and Tofted curlers were played at Tofted last Friday. The Viking rink lost out in the final round. McAtthey's rink lost to John Lee by the score of 15 to 9, while Long and McLaughlin's men battled for seven ends to a 6 to 9 score, when their sheet of ice proved so rough, rocky, and full of runs and ridges that further curling was practically out of the question. Neither sheet of ice was really fit for good curling. The Tofted club have had to contend with because the water supply is limited.

The ladies curling club fared somewhat better in the scoring against the Tofted ladies. Mrs. McKerrill nosed out a 6 to 8 victory over Miss Irene O'Leary, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Hanan coming out ahead 6 to 12. The Tofted ladies looked to the needs of the visiting ladies entertaining them to lunch and dinner at the Royal Alexandra hotel, and cards and tea at the home of Mrs. Geo. McLaughlin. The curlers from here were Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. McAtthey, Mrs. Slavik, Mrs. Graham, Miss Irene O'Leary, Miss Rowena Harris, Miss Hildred O'Leary and Mrs. Fred Ross and Mrs. Thunell; Messrs. McAtthey, Dodd, Thunell, W. Kelly, Long, Slavik, F. Ross, and N. C. Graham.

Over 60,000 bushels of grain were marketed at this point last week. This is considered a record for a point the size of Viking. This was made possible because cars are coming along pretty fair nowadays.

Amor Long, Fred Ross, J. L. Slavik and N. C. Graham are going to participate in the Edmonton bonspiel starting next Monday. Perhaps another rink or two won't be able to resist the temptation and go too.

Nurse Ella Brickman went to Vancouver this week to visit Mrs. V. Campbell.

Several stray dogs around town got a free passage to the happy hunting grounds the first of the week.

ALBERTA WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

(Calgary Market Examiner)

Cattle.—Well finished cattle at Edmonton in demand and prices stronger this week. Choices heavy and light steers \$4.50@5.00; Good \$4@4.50; medium \$3@3.50; common \$2.50@3. Choice heifers advanced to \$3.50@4; good \$3@3.50. Choice cows higher at \$3.50@3.25; good \$2.50@3; medium \$2@2.50; common \$1.50@2; canners \$1@1.50. Bulls are selling better at \$1.75 @ \$2 for choice, others \$1@1.50. Calves making a top of \$5 on good vealers, plain and heavy \$2@3. FEEDERS, STOCKERS—Choice deerhorn up to \$4.25; others \$3.50@4 and common down to \$3. Stocker steers up to \$3.75 ranging down to \$2.50 on common. Stock heifers \$1.50@2.50; stock cows \$1.25@1.75.

Hogs.—Edmonton hog receipts heavy, but market lower in line with all outside points and thick smooths quoted now \$7. off feed; sales earlier in the week had been around \$7.25; bacon brings 10 per cent over.

Sheep.—Edmonton sheep receipts light and prices steady, with lambs quoted \$3.50@10.50; yearlings \$8@9; ewes fat, \$5@7.50.

Grain.—Markets continue very good and market stronger; marketing still large and trade hopeful of sustained prices though competition of Argentine crop will soon be felt.

Butter—Cream—Cheese.—CREMERY BUTTER—Prints and cartons unchanged at 44@45 for No. 1; No. 2 10@11c. Car lots hard to quote owing to limited supply; market outlook steady. DAIRY BUTTER Receipts still light, good demand for fancy table, markets paying 30@32c. BUTTERFAT—Unchanged; production showing some increase and will be governed by weather conditions. Price changes will depend on butter market.

Eggs—Poultry.—EGGS—More-Alberta reported by Calgary dealers, with quite a lot of pullets; extras, standards, 42c, pullet extras, 55c; No. 1 38c; No. 2 25c; No. 3 20c. POULTRY—Demand still fair on dressed stuff; turkeys over 10 lbs. 18c; 8 to 10 lbs. 16c; light weight and No. 2 10@11c and hard to move. Fresh dressed chickens 17c; No. 2 12c; fowl 11@13c.

Potatoes.—Some car lot shipments reported from Edmonton to Manitoba and Saskatchewan; price there around \$16; Calgary trade quiet and only local demand, dealers buying at \$15@20 delivered.

Hay.—Trade quiet and prices unchanged; dealers expect more business later on, but nothing in the way of a rush; do not overlook any chance to make sales, as supplies appear to be ample.

Hides.—Improvement noted, last week continues and green salted butcher hides now 3 1-2 c; frozen hides 3c; market not broad but looks as though depression may be over. Horse hair weak at 20@25c.

Furs.—Manufacturers buying better; coyotes now \$18@22; fall rats 25@60c; winter rats 40@80c; weasel 40c@51; red fox 55@117; skunk \$1@2; all pelts are meeting good sale.

A lot of people are waiting to see what kind of oil legislation the legislature is going to enact.

There hasn't been enough snow in this district for sleighing. The roads are as bare as a last year's bird's nest.

Its time to start to worry how to make out your income tax statement.

Its a case of try try again. Premier Greenfield returned to Edmonton without the natural resources.

It looks as if January isn't going to slip away without some signs of winter.

U.F.A. delegates from all over the province are holding a convention in Edmonton this week.

The Dominion parliament will open on Thursday, February 28th, thus Premier King will be too busy to receive callers on the 29th.

Although the membership has dwindled to almost one third there seems to be more interest taken in the U.F.A. convention than ever.

MARKET REPORT

Wheat	
No. 1	77c
No. 2	74c
No. 3	70c
Oats	
2 C. W.	26c
3 C. W.	23c
Track Wheat	97
Track Oats	39

Dr. S. R. McGregor

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DR. W. L. McMACHEN
Dental Surgeon

—Will be at Irma on Wednesday, December 5th, and each Wednesday thereafter at Watkinson's Office.

ROYAL BLACK PRECEPTORY No. 1036.

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Dr. S. R. McGregor, Treas.

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Mr. R. Smallwood and R. W. Jones were delegates to the Cattle Shippers convention at Viking last Monday.

Don't forget the concert in aid of Agricultural Society next Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fenton have been spending the week at Edmonton taking in the U. F. A. Convention.

Mr. Roy Hay of Zoldovara is in Irma auditing the books of the Municipality of Battle River.

Mr. A. Henderson of Georgia has been spending the last week at Irma and Wainwright.

At the annual meeting of the Village Council last Monday night the old council were re-elected by acclamation.

They are L. C. Hatch, R. J. Tate and W. L. Mildon.

The thermometer has been trying to break all records for the last few nights when it has been ranging from 32 to 48 below Zero. The cold weather has been accompanied with much wind and with nice bright sunny days no one seems to mind it.

The Annual meeting of Irma School District was held at the Irma School last Friday afternoon. The reports of the Secretary were read and other matters of interest to the ratepayers were discussed. H. W. Love was re-elected as trustee.

Mr. Skiles is still in Edmonton where he went over a week ago on account of the release suffered by Mrs. Skiles. From the last reports we have had Mrs. Skiles has had another operation and is resting easier.

The music furnished by the new Barney Google orchestra last Wednesday night for the dance at Larson's Hall appears to have been well appreciated by all present. The new orchestra has agreed to render their services for another dance in the near future.

The Irma branch of the G. W. V. A. have changed the date of their monthly meeting to the first Sunday of each month at 2:30 P. M. All veterans of the Great War are requested to meet at the G. W. V. A. building, Irma, Sunday afternoon, February 3rd at 2:30 P. M.

Word reached Irma last week that Mrs. J. A. McKay had passed away at her home at Cochrane, Washington, after suffering for some time from cancer. The late Mrs. McKay with her husband homesteaded in Township 46-8 some years ago when they made a host of friends who were settlers here about eight years ago and since then have made their home in Washington. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

MINUTES OF M. D. OF BATTLE RIVER No. 423 COUNCIL MEETING

Councillors of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 met in Council Room, members present, Messrs. Fischer, Golding, Merrick, Smallwood, Armstrong & Burton.

Minutes of last meeting read and on motion of Mr. Burton were accepted as read.

Balliff Harper reported on collection.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that report of Mr. Harper be accepted. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that application be made to the Dept. of Public Works to have surveyed road in the N.W. 1-4 15 and N.E. 1-4 16-45-9 with as shown on registered Plan No. 2223 A.G. cancelled in full, and the amended plan made by Mr. R. H. Cantlay A. L. S. be registered in place thereof. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that land owned by Mr. A. A. Taylor take the legal course in connection with Tax Sale proceedings and that Mr. Taylor be notified of same. Cd.

Banff, asking the condition of Mrs. write Dr. Robertson of Brett Hospital.

Moved by Mr. Armstrong that Sec'y G. R. Bronson, and the possibilities of his recovery and length of time of treatment necessary and did that Messrs. Fischer, Burton and Smallwood receive the reply and have power to act according to their judgement. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Golding that this Municipality take title to all land sold at Tax Sales in 1920 & 1921, and not yet redeemed and also to all land with 1922 caveats registered against and not redeemed. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Fischer that this Council offer Mr. E. Skogg \$25.00 per acre for 4.51 acres of land taken for road allowance this to pay for all compensation.

Amendment moved by Mr. Armstrong that it be added to the motion that Mr. Skogg be paid an additional sum of \$20.00 for moving fence. Amendment lost.

Motion carried—in favor, Burton, Golding, Fischer, Smallwood & Merrick. Against, Armstrong.

Moved by Mr. Armstrong that the following accounts be passed and paid: Irma Times—Advertising \$5.60
Western Mun. News—Receipt books 9.31
Stockland Road Mach. Co.—Grader 339.00

Western Mun. News—Assessment Roll 12.00
Farmers Mutual Lbr. Co.—Coal 16.25

Roadberry S. D.—Interest 6.13
W. H. Harper—Commission 91.29

Richardson, Road Mach.—Grader repair 8.69

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Burton that account of W. T. Steele be tabled for investigation. Cd.

WOODS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT U. F. A.

For the ninth successive year, Henry W. Wood was elected to the presidency of the U.F.A. yesterday afternoon at their annual convention in the Memorial Hall, Edmonton, but for the first time in seven years he met with opposition when three candidates for office opposed him before the convention.

President Wood was elected by what is believed to be a strong majority. Following the declaration of the result his election was made unanimous by vote of the convention.

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CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

Christmas Day fell on Saturday last year, and to that fact we owed Teddy's flying visit. He came out Friday night and returned to the city Monday morning.

That, my first country Christmas, in another occasion that will always be green in my memory, for it was a very happy time, in spite of the little ache of homesickness that underlay the joy. But I had so much to be thankful for, and the children were in no mood of excitement that I should have been calous indeed had not the spirit of the season touched me.

For a week before the great day itself we were very busy. It took Murray and the twins and put a whole afternoon to find exactly the tree we wanted, and then it had to be cut and brought home with appropriate ceremonies. We cut other spruce boughs for decorations and Jean showed us a place where the pretty red-bellied wintergreen grew, so by Friday night the living-room was ready for Teddy and Santa Claus.

Friday evening we all went into Spruce Creek to meet Teddy and to attend the Christmas entertainment prepared by Mrs. Cardale and her pupils. Saturday morning we had our own Christmas tree and at one o'clock our dinner, the Cameron boys helping us to make short work of the big goose we had bought from Mrs. Gagnon. While Jim and I were washing the dishes Murray and Bob and Teddy took their children out for a run and early in the evening our guests went home and the twins to bed—after which Murray and Teddy and I discussed the affairs of the universe until midnight. Sunday morning Teddy inspected everything on the place—and was as enthusiastic over our improvements as the most excited amateur could ask—and after dinner we drove into Spruce Creek to church, the student from Manitoba College who had been there in the summer having come out to hold Christmas services. It was good to be in church again and to sing the old Christmas hymns, and Murray and I promised ourselves that when Mr. Bonar returned in the spring we would never miss a Sunday. It was hard to drive away afterwards and leave Teddy behind us at the Bolling House, however all our friends remembered us that Christmas. Teddy came laden with bundles and each mail day for two weeks brought a pile of letters and parcels. It seemed as if every one had feared that we would feel lonely and had set out to prove that we had not been forgotten. Mr. Herington wrote a characteristically amusing letter to Murray and sent a box to Rupert and a Belgian doll to Nicolas. Cousin Margaret sent two pairs of small-sized snowshoes, and Maude a beautifully dressed doll for Nicolas and a Tinker Toy for Rupert. Teddy brought me the Blue Canton jar I have wanted for years, and the pair of slippers that I had bought so heartlessly wretched that he is a drum and a bugle for the twins.

Even our friends were thoughtful, we had cards from several of the Spruce Creek people and Gwen Severn gave me beautiful lace handkerchiefs. And as for the children, even Cousin Margaret's snowshoes were

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forgot for a few minutes when the Cameron boys arrived with an endearing clumsy Colly puppy who, after much thought on the part of the twins and many inappropriate suggestions from Teddy, was named "Waggles."

On the Wednesday before Christmas and New Year's Day the Mowbrays gave a party. Even their big house was crowded, and we had a wonderful time. All of us who had children took them with us, of course, Mrs. Mowbray had prepared for that. The biggest bedroom had been cleared for the children and they had their games and their supper there. And when little Mowbray and Nicolas and the twins came, they had their own room and the Wright baby felt the Sandman coming they were put to sleep and laid carefully away on Jean's bed in Sandy's outgrown crib, their mother afterwards going calmly on with their own affairs.

The Toronto crowd there—Mr. Torrance is station agent—Mr. and Mrs. Wright from the mill, Mrs. Bolling and Mrs. Kirkland came together as neither of the children could get away. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson brought Mr. Macleod and Mr. Manson with them. In fact, I had another surprise, the Severns and the Mackays, and the Aylwins, Harry Atkinson and his Belgian wife, Jim and Bob Cameron, the Farelles and the Buxleys, Mr. and Mrs. Gagnon and the baby.

And such fun as we did have. I had danced so much for years that I was never allowed to rest, not even in the square dances that muddled me so hopelessly. As usual in our gatherings the women were very much in the minority, but that was not allowed to worry us. Sandy and the Farelles hovered all over, and Jean and I filled in very nicely. It was very foolish and childish, no doubt, but we were the youngest of us all and she went into fits of laughter when she exclaimed feelingly, "This is just the size of family I'd like to have all the time!"

We missed Mrs. Cardale, who had gone to Winnipeg for the holidays, but Jean against the background of her own home came out of her shell in a manner that surprised even me. I must be a rather stupid person in some ways, for I had another surprise that night. I knew, of course, that Jim Cameron spent a great deal of his spare time at the Mowbray home, and that Bob teased him about it in a general sort of way, but that there was something serious in prospect I had never suspected until the night of the party.

As the unmarried girl in the district Jean naturally received a deal of attention from the lops and hungry bachelors, and her calm and impersonal air of accepting had always amused me. Another girl might have been accused of playing them off against the other, but not Jean. She was too natural and too single-minded for anything of that sort—though possibly her impartial friendliness had the same effect in the end!

But the night of the party it was obvious to me that Jim was a lap ahead of the other men. Whether the Christmas season was responsible or the excitement, or the fact that Jean was in her own home I do not know, but at all events while Jean distributed her dances strictly in rotation it was Jim who helped her, and Mrs. Mowbray to serve the supper, who with the Mowbrays boys cleared the rooms for dancing, and who was always at Jean's elbow when she wanted anything done. It was not so much what he did as the way in which he did it—how he helped her in the same way many times—and equally significant was Jean's manner of accepting his services. When a girl like Jean begins to mother a man like Jim something is bound to happen, and while I had from the first been fond of Jim I was not sure that he was quite good enough for Jean.

One thing Murray and I both noted and laughed at on our way home was that Mrs. Mowbray tried in vain to keep him in his place, her soft heart and Jim's firm conviction that everybody loved him being obstacles equally difficult to overcome. Mrs. Mowbray, I think, rather favored Mr. Macleod, perhaps because he was older and more a man of the world, perhaps because, mother-like, she wanted Jean to have an easier life than her's had been. But in spite of her

clever generalship Jim outplayed her and Jean's half-sister, half-susceptible acceptance of his undisciplined admiration was wholly adorable and very dangerous.

Although I laughed at her I could sympathize with Mrs. Mowbray. Jim felt, was a deal, but too impulsive and susceptible that I could not but feel that Jean would be rather wasted on him, not until trouble came and she appreciated by an older and staid man. It was not until long after this, that Jean and I ever discussed the matter, not until trouble came and she turned to me for the sympathy that she could not ask of her mother, and then I found that she saw as clearly as we did, but that she knew what she wanted and would be satisfied with nothing else. And now I am inclined to believe that Time will prove her right. Nature does seem to be wiser in these affairs than even the most well-meaning parents and friends.

Jim, as might have been expected, confided in me at the first opportunity when I was inclined to encourage his mind him of some former confidence relating to a girl in England and to one who had taught in Spruce Creek before Mrs. Cardale came.

"Oh, but that was different," he assured me, "I was only a kid then."

"You are only a kid now," I said.

"And so is Jean for that matter. Neither stick to your farm for the next few years, but the chances are that you'll get a perfectly good friendship."

Then it all came out. He knew he wasn't good enough for Jean, and he guessed she knew it too. He wouldn't have anything to offer a girl like her for years and years. But he hated to see her hanging round here—why didn't they go after something, their own age? There were lots of widows and her maid who'd jump at a man like Macleod.

"I'll not be in a position to marry until I'm old and feeble, I suppose," said gloomily. "About twenty years from now I'll be coming around here after Nicolas and making the young fellows sore. You'd make a peach of a mother-in-law, Mrs. Aylwin, honest, you would." He finished with a return to his usual manner.

We had scarcely settled ourselves after the Christmas celebrations when the twins, in company with half the juvenile population of Spruce Creek, came down with mumps. Murray used to say that if it were Mrs. Cardale's Christmas tree, and no doubt he was right. The seven children had it too, and even some of the grown-ups who had not taken the precaution to acquire immunity in their school days.

I do not know why people speak of the mumps as if it were a joke, I certainly shall never do so again after the experience I went through with Rupert. The poor little fellow was so very ill for a few days, and his temperature was so high that I should have given half of my kingdom for twenty minutes of Dr. Sutherland's. The disease quickly ran its course, but it was a terrible one. I know the anxiety of an inexperienced mother who has to nurse her children through one of the really dangerous diseases. We are too dependent, modern women, on nurses and doctors and the knowledge we can obtain from other people. I know about the treatment of mumps was what I could remember Mother doing for me when I had it.

Should I have weptly swollen a face that she had to laugh at herself, but she was never ill as Rupert was. In fact, I am inclined to believe that she rather enjoyed the experience, for after she was able to be out of bed she derived an immense amount of satisfaction from "taking care of poor Brother," and she was made glowingly happy by her nurse's cap and apron, even though the cap was usually covered over one eye.

I do not think I have even put it on record that I was a Napoleonically pretty child—but both Murray and I feel sure that she will never lose the charm that has been a part of her since her baby days—a charm that is partly made up of the way in which everything she puts on her head is sure to cast a shadow over one eye eventually, partly of her half-mocking, expressive, and somewhat partly of the light grace and dashiness of very movement. She is so much like Murray even now that I believe she will grow better-looking as she grows older. But just at present her little face is sweet and attractive rather than pretty, with its mole on its soft fair hair, eyes almost too big for their setting, wide mouth tucked well up and in, and the corners of the little chin with the ghost of a dimple.

(To be continued)

Value of Settlers' Effects

Though the number of immigrants to Canada this year is much larger than last year they are not bringing with them as much in effects. The arrivals in September were 107 per cent over those for the same month last year, but the value of their effects was \$107,000 less. For the six months ending September the value of settlers' effects that came in was \$2,662,322, or over \$400,000 below that for the same period last year. On the other hand 48,000 more immigrants had been received.

Long Life Rules

Rules for long living are very interesting, considering that but most people prefer contemplating them at a distance. There are other delights and concerns that go to make a full life beside the delights of living to a hundred and the perpetual concern about the state of your arteries.—Cape Argus.

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It's that remarkable book, "Makura no Zoshi," Sei Shonagon, a poetess of the Japanese court in the latter part of the tenth century, gives a chapter to "Delectable Things." It is a very human chapter, and the objectionable things are equally objectionable today. The following examples are quoted by Mr. R. M. Weaver in "The Bellman."

A visitor who sits down to regale with a long tale when you are in a hurry. If by chance he is an intimate friend, you can pack him off until another time. But those whom you cannot summarily dismiss are delectable indeed.

Babies who cry, or dogs that bark, just when you are trying to overhear something.

A dog that barks at visitors. I have often wanted to kill such dogs.

Mosquitoes that buzz about you when you want to sleep are especially delectable.

People who interrupt your story to show off their own cleverness. All interrupters, young and old, are very delectable.

People who, when you are telling a story, break in with "Oh, I know," "I've quite a different version from your own."

Either at home or in the palace, to be roused up to receive an unwelcome visitor, in order to avoid whom you have been pretending to be asleep.

Things are very delectable, especially when they get under your clothing and jump about.

War Scarred Horse In Armistice Parade

First Over Hindenburg Line and Was Wounded Twice

One of the police officers on duty in Trafalgar Square during the recent Armistice Day ceremonies was mounted on a horse that had been on active service through the Great War and was as war-scarred as any ex-service man in the crowd.

The horse, the inspector said, had come over from India at the beginning of the war and finished up in Cologne. He was wounded twice and was the first horse over the Hindenburg line. The year before last he rode him was killed just after his horse was wounded and his parents regularly visit the horse's stable with presents of apples and sweets.

On the horse's bridle on Armistice Day, were the ribbons of the 1914 Star and the Victory medals.

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BOLDNESS

There is a splendid kind of boldness. One day, years ago, sometime after the death of Jesus, two of his disciples, Peter and John, were arrested and brought before their bitter enemies who were ready and able to kill them. And Peter, the noble soul, stood up without a pang of fear and said to the face of the judge, "I thought; and then the New Testament story says: 'When they saw the boldness of Peter and John they marvelled.'"

It is a fine thing to see men and women and girls and boys who are not afraid to do and stand for the right. Listen to this story which will give you just as I got it:

"He was small for his age, worked in a sign box, and looked the train. One day the men chaffed him about being so small. One of them said: 'You will never amount to much. You will never be able to pull these levers; you are too small.'"

"Well," said he, "as small as I am, I can do something which none of you can do."

"What is it, boy?"

"I don't know that I ought to tell," he replied.

But they were anxious to know, and urged him to tell what he could do that none of them were able to do. So one of the men:

"I can keep from swearing and drinking!" replied the little fellow.

"What a bunch of men's faces, and they didn't seem anxious for any further information on the subject."

Was not he the right kind of a bold boy?

Or what do you think of a lot of officers at a dinner, drinking and telling unclean tales.

Everybody had to tell a story or else. One young, shy fellow said, "I can't sing but I will give a toast in your honor and the toast he gave was, 'Our Mothers.'"

The rest were so touched by his splendid courage that they shook his hand and thanked him and the Colonel said it was one of the bravest acts he ever saw.

A grey-headed preacher was so brave that it was said, "he never feared the face of man."

Every girl and boy should be bold in the way—fearless, heroic, full of

New Diet Saved Life of Chameleon

Refused to Eat Until Favorite Meal Was Provided

The Basilisk Chameleon at the London Zoo, writes "L. G. M.," desires to thank the man who saved his life by collecting and forwarding a tin of "golden" cockroaches.

Recently it was stated that meal-worms and the big black cockroaches had failed to tempt the chameleon to go on living. Only the small "golden" cockroach could save him, but no supply of these insects had been found.

It was quite a pathetic bedside scene before the port brought the "frightful" insects. Showing evidence of his six weeks' fast, the chameleon had scarcely the strength to turn back in the face when the same old meal-worms were offered at breakfast time. Billows of yellow mottled his skin when an ordinary maggot was served up as an alternative.

He turned a shabby green and began to squint. The chameleon is the world's most gifted squinter. His eyes work quite independently of each other. One eye may be seen riveted on the ceiling while the other idly swivels round like the second hand of a watch going the wrong way.

Then the golden cockroaches arrived. He unpacked his elastic tin with its sticky lip, and slashed it out for a full six inches. The first cockroach vanished. In ten minutes 21 insects went the same way.

That was "heavy" for a chameleon in a decline, and no further bulletins were issued.

Flag

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When pains gather around the hips and lodge in the small of the back—when to stoop or bend seems impossible, when dizzy spells and bearing-down pains are ever present—that's the time to use Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Irregularities disappear, vital energy is restored, back trouble is forgotten.

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How America Was Named

Before White Men Came Indians Called Country "Amaroke"

Discussion is again rife as to why this continent was named America. Opinions vary as to how it happens that its people are called Americans, many explaining the fact entirely to this continent having been discovered by and named for Americus Vesputius, the son of a wealthy Florentine notary. This is based on the belief that the name America comes from Amarike or Amerike, an old German word spread through Europe by the Goths and softened in Latin to Amerik in its turn in Italian to America.

However, it is pointed out on the other hand that the origin may have been entirely native. Ask any old Indian medicine man what was the name of this country before the white man came, and he will invariably say "Amaroke." This has been written in no book for him has not been deluded into his mind by any white man, but has been handed down from generation to generation, and the fact is well established among searchers of history of today.

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Mr. A. E. Barnes, Athens, Ont., writes: "Four years ago I had a very severe attack of heart trouble. I consulted my doctor; he treated me for some time, but I only seemed to be getting worse. I finally went to our druggist and purchased three boxes of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and derived immediate relief from their use. I can truthfully say they are a wonderful medicine. I always keep a box on hand, and if I feel out of sorts I take a few pills and feel all right again."

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China Is Demanding Canadian Products

Market in Orient for Lumber, Wheat, Flour and Fruit

An important market for Canadian lumber, wheat and flour and fruit is being developed in the Far East, according to Mr. A. Brosted, Oriental manager of the Canadian National Railway, who arrives in Montreal from Hong Kong on business.

"Large quantities of British Columbia fir are being used in China for the construction of railways, wharves and work of a similar type, and more will be required when the political condition of the country becomes stable," said Mr. Brosted.

"Canadian wheat is competing successfully with the Manchurian grown wheat and is being carried in large quantities to Oriental ports by the Canadian Government Merchant Marine. There is also a big demand for Canadian milled flour in spite of the fact that the Chinese maintain a large number of native mills. This flour is used in the manufacture of pastry and native dishes."

The salesroom established by the Canadian Government in Shanghai, Mr. Brosted says, is doing much to promote Canadian trade.

Justice may be blind, but she is able to judge a man by his conversation.

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Gargle several times a day with Miral's in water. It cuts the fungus and gives relief.

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Cattle branded OL with half effe on right hip are property of J. R. Love, Irma. Kindly notify if strayed.

EXPERIENCED DRILLERS LOOKING FOR WORK

The Times is intercept of a letter from two experienced drillers looking for positions. For further information write The Times, Irma, Alberta.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—New York State Hay and Grain Farm, 152 acres, 10 room house, large basement barn, running water, 25 acres wood & timber, post machine worked, fields, 2 miles to stores, churches and high school, quarter mile to main highway road. Lots fruit. \$1500 easy terms, or would exchange for property or general stores in Saskatchewan, or good farm land.

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ASK REMOVAL OF DUTY UPON OIL BORING MACHINE

Lethbridge Board of Trade will bring further pressure to bear on the dominion government, looking to the removal of the burdensome customs duty on oil drilling machinery.

The matter was brought to the attention of the board Thursday by A. G. Baalim, who predicted that 1924 would witness unprecedented activity in prospecting for oil in southern Alberta.

Mr. Baalim said the duty removed last year on drawn casing of certain sizes did not help the operators at all, because this size of casing is not used in drilling for oil. The handicaps were the same today as they ever were, he declared, and were holding back development. The duty on rolled tubing, bits, riggings, bull wheels, etc., had not changed, the lowest tariffs being 27 1/2 per cent. plus sales tax of six per cent., plus exchange.

The operators were forced to buy this stuff in the States because it was not manufactured in Canada.

Mr. Baalim also urged that the government be asked to publish the findings of the two parties of geologists who made extensive surveys of the oil fields last year.

President Shepherd replied that the board had already taken steps to obtain this information.

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One of the greatest leases in Texas and one that has paid everyone who has touched it is the Humble Oil Company's Powell field lease of 340 acres, one-tenth of the acreage in the whole Powell field.

The sale of this lease at \$10,000 an acre, or for the sum of \$3,400,000 was considered not long ago one of the most profitable sales a lease owner ever made in a Texas oil field; yet that it was a cheap sale is attested by the fact that the Humble Oil company in buying it made one of the best investments it had ever made. It is estimated that the 340 acres was worth \$25,000,000 or more to the buyer and its vast possibilities are not yet exhausted.

Lease buyers have been greatly encouraged in this locality by this demonstration of the limitless possibilities of wealth which leases offer the investor. No other branch of oil investments combine the advantages which oil and gas leases offer, according to those experienced in this sort of investment, since, as they point out, they make the lease owner independent of all others and frequently, in a field where development is rapid and drilling is active, rise in value to fabulous amounts, in many cases within a short time after they are purchased.

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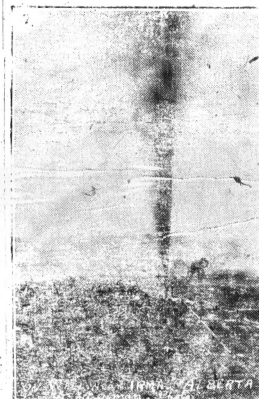
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